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1. [redacted] ship was proceeding along the coast of the Kola Peninsula about fifteen nautical miles off shore en route to Mezen. [redacted] the vessels came in close to look over the ship and then turned and went back in toward shore. The vessels most often approached by twos and a few of them were towing targets. [redacted] the vessels resembled destroyers [redacted] Several trawlers and some supply ships were also observed; they were painted the color of Soviet naval vessels. 25X1
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2. Off the Murmansk coast, [redacted] two submarines on the surface. Both of the submarines had conning towers like those on German submarines during the First World War (see sketch below). [redacted] 25X1
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3. At the pilot buoy on the Mezen river a depth of twenty-one feet at high tide was sounded. There was a strong current in the river. 25X1
4. [redacted] at the pontoon pier in Kamenka [redacted] the depth of the water at the pier was not quite fourteen feet at low tide. There were no cranes on the pontoons. The cargo was brought down to the pontoons by American trucks and then hauled aboard by the ship's winches. 25X1
5. [redacted] The sawmill was old and not modern. 25X1
6. All the streets in Kamenka consisted of planks. Smoking in town was forbidden. There was a fire department in the town. [redacted] 25X1
7. The Seamen's Club consisted of a room with a table and chairs. There was propaganda literature on the table in English, French, and German. There was

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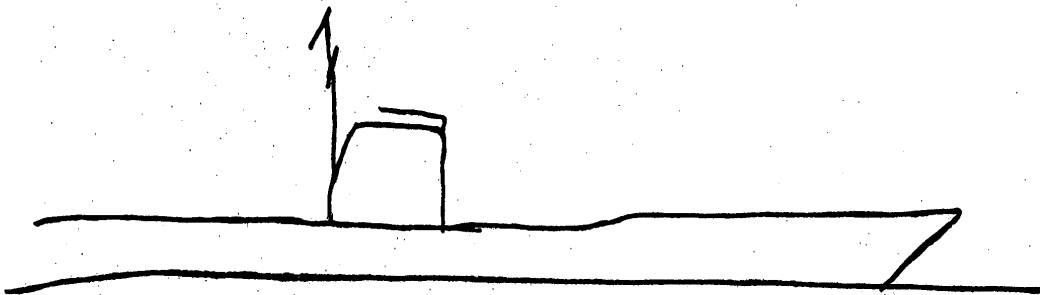
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a theatre in the same building. A film was shown on the Soviet mining industry, showing the difference between the pre- and post-revolution mining industry. The Soviet audience was wild with enthusiasm.

Sketch of Soviet Submarine:



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